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Applicant : Rheins, L.A., and Morhenn, V.B. Art Unit : 1646  
Serial No. : 09/375,609 Examiner : Sarada C. Prasad, Ph.D.  
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Title : METHOD FOR DETECTION OF BIOLOGICAL FACTORS IN EPIDERMIS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a Form PTO-1449, being submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks and references set forth herein.

The following documents, submitted with a preliminary amendment, are enclosed herewith:

- FORM PTO-1449
- copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US99/19012
- copies of cited references

**REMARKS**

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

A first IDS was submitted February 22, 2000.

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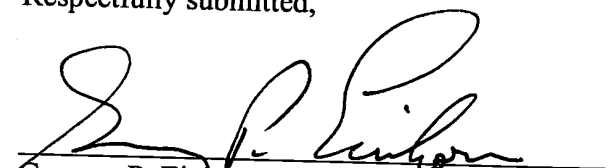
A copy of the International Search Report for PCT/US99/19012, dated May 26, 2000, a counterpart international application, is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858 678 5070.

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